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Men were responsible for the hunting and most of the fishing in Chesapeake American Indian communities. All of the tools and weapons for fishing and hunting had to be made by hand. To make a sharp point out of stone for a knife, arrow, or spear, you had to chip away at the stone with another rock or an antler. This is called flint napping. Fishing was done with bone fishhooks, fishing rods, spears, and a type of fish trap called a weir. To make a weir, a long net or pile of rocks was put across a river to make fish swim to the center. In the center were v-shaped traps all in a row. Fish would swim through the traps but would be too afraid to swim back out.